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Pages Learn About Legislature

Breaks Won't Brake Learning Experience

Today, Senator Chris Choi introduced Senate bill 5678, which addresses the issue of breaks for pages. "The bill is a good one because pages often look tired and the break would be good for their health," said Senator Choi. The bill will help all pages that work in the Washington State Capitol building. Every three hours the pages will get a break of at least five minutes, if the break is not given, then the page will get extra pay. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 8, 2006.

Board game simulates bill process.

On Monday, pages played a board game designed to simulate for them the process by which a bill becomes a law in Washington State. They came to understand that only about ten percent of the bills that are introduced actually become laws. They also experienced the frustration of having a bill "die" in the middle of the process.



Allowing Bibles In Public Schools As A Learning Tool

Today, Representative Caitlin Dolan introduced House bill 2835, which addresses the issue of Bibles and public schools. "The bill is a good one because if more teachers teach the principles that are found all throughout the Bible, kids would be more responsible and live better lives," said Representative Dolan. This bill is so important to our present world. This bill that I have introduced would allow kids to bring Bibles and be

able to actually talk about what they learned from it. If possible, this bill would be effective immediately, but most likely not until 30 days after signature by the governor, Christine Gregoire. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 8, 2006.

Passing The WASL Could Be The Key To College

Today, Representative Emily Walters introduced House bill 3242, which addresses the issue of WASL testing. "The bill is a good one because it gives a foundation of knowledge to those willing to go to college," said Representative Emily Walters. This bill prevents those who do not pass the high school WASL acceptance into colleges in Washington State. This allows every student to have the same basic knowledge and an equal chance to grow academically in college. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 8, 2006.



Stop Overpopulation From Ruining Small Towns

Today, Representative Iris Petersen introduced House bill 2424, which addresses the issue of controlling housing developments. "The bill is a good one because it will control the overpopulation of small towns," said Representative Iris Petersen. This bill will require those wishing to make housing developments to apply and be approved by the City Council. The City Council for a town with 150,000 people or less will be permitted to approve only one development every five years. This will make the population adaptation for small towns much less drastic.

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The Fight For Life

Today, Senator Evan Kruschke introduced Senate bill 5069, which addresses the issue of abortion. "The bill is a good one because it will stop the killing of babies. Life starts from the moment of conception, and that also when we should start respecting it," said Senator Kruschke. This bill states that if a woman has an abortion, she and the doctor will be arrested under the charges of homicide. They will then be held on trial, and most likely be given jail time. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 8, 2006.



Way Past Cool Bill Submitted

Today, Senator Garrett Lane introduced Senate bill 5555, which addresses the issue of Drug abuse. "The bill is a good one because drug abuse is a major issue and it really stinks," said Senator Lane. Basically, the bill will prohibit sales of vaccine needles without prescriptions. The prescriptions must be renewed monthly. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 8, 2006.

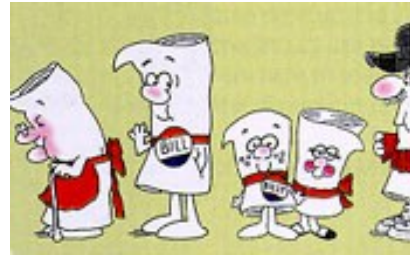
Creating Sustainable Developments

Today, Representative Kimberly Lusk introduced House bill 2917, which addresses the issue of the environment and housing developments. "The bill is a good one because it will help to create sustainable living conditions for all kinds of people," said Representative Lusk. This bill will help to make housing developments more environmentally friendly. By creating a sustainable standard to meet, developments will be aware of the environment, and more conscious of the impacts of their development. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 8, 2006.

Deforestation

Today, Representative Elliot Schwid introduced House bill 2543, which addresses the issue of the environment. "The bill is a good one because it protects our local forests and reduces pollution," said Representative Schwid. Protected green lands will be mapped out and no person or company will be permitted to re-

move plants or build in these protected areas. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 8, 2006.



I'm Just A Bill video provides review of bill process

After playing the Bill Process Game, pages viewed the video *I'm Just A Bill*. Many of them stated that they remembered viewing this in elementary school. This short video accurately illustrates all of the steps in the process.

Pesticides: The World-Wide Killer

Today, Representative Katie Stultz introduced House bill 3918, which addresses the issue of banning toxic pesticides that have proven to cause critical health risks for humans. "The bill is a good one because pesticide poisoning is an extreme problem in our state," said Representative Stultz. This bill bans all pesticides that have proven to cause cancer, birth defects, and other critical health risks for humans. It will help protect the health of our farm workers and residents. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 8, 2006.



The War On WASL

Today, Representative Tyler Harwick introduced House bill 2301, which addresses the issue of removing the WASL. "The bill is a good one because it puts pressure on kids' lives," said Representative Harwick. The bill puts pressure on kids' lives. And makes the kids go crazy because of all the studying. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 8, 2006.

Starting School Later

Today, Senator Courtney Johnson introduced Senate bill 5718, which addresses the issue of sleeping in longer for school students. "The bill is a good one because Students are more involved in the activities assigned," said Senator Johnson. This bill allows students to sleep in longer. They will be more active in daily assignments. They will also be healthier and not miss school, the majority of the students will be there all the time during school hours. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 8, 2005.



Bad Drivers

Today, Senator Zane Rodriguez introduced Senate bill 7999, which addresses the issue of bad drivers. "The bill is a good one because it will reduce accidents and cost of money for road repair," said Senator Rodriguez. This bill will require everyone with a driver's license to take a driving test. They will have to renew this test every 2-5 years. If someone is pulled over without this test up to date they will be fined for driving without a license. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 8, 2006.



Lower Drinking Age

Today, Senator Cody Lord introduced Senate bill 6666, which addresses the issue of drinking age. "The bill is a good one because drinking age," said Senator Lord. I will lower the drinking age to 18. Why is it fair to be able to do every thing else when you are 18. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 8, 2006.

Educational Hour Change?

Today, Senator Kyle Jensen introduced Senate bill 5784, which addresses the issue of school hours. "The bill is a good one because students need their rest," said Senator Jensen. The bill states that the starting hours for school will be moved up an hour. Therefore the students will come prepared for school with the needed amount of rest. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 8, 2006.

The Proper Foster Care For The Foster Child

Today, Senator Audrey Shin introduced Senate bill 5432, which addresses the issue of child care for foster children. "The bill is a good one because the children get a better chance of living a childhood than most children should be able to have. Going to the movies with friends, going shopping, going to their after school sports, going to a club or just meeting with a group of friends. Those small things are just what a child needs. Not neglect or abuse. With this bill the foster child wouldn't have to worry about getting abused or neglected. The only thing they would have to worry about is what their next homework assignment is," said Senator Shin. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 8, 2006.



Driving Licenses Are Much Easier To Receive

Today, Representative Eric Chavez introduced Senate bill 6423, which addresses the issue of Driver's Licenses being too difficult to receive. "The bill is a good one because it allows teenagers to receive their Driver's Licenses on a much easier basis," said Representative Chavez. Evaluators will be less strict in their evaluations. In order for this to happen, they will be given candy. This includes a \$.01 tax on cafeteria lunches. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 8, 2006.

In The Classroom

Today, Representative Shaylene Espericueta introduced House bill 1989, which addresses the issue of religion in public schools. "The bill is a good one because students, teachers, and

administrators should have the opportunity to speak about their beliefs freely,” said Representative Espericueta. This bill will make it possible for people to share their opinions and hear the opinions of others. When I was in my freshman year, a debate about religion started in my biology class. The teacher interrupted us and told us that we were not allowed to speak about the matter. This bill will help students and staff to explore not only science's views, but also look at the other side as well. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 8, 2006.



Gangs & Vandalism In Communities

Today, Representative Diana Gonzalez introduced House bill 3961, which addresses the issue of gangs and vandalism in our communities. “The bill is a good one because in many of our neighborhoods gangs and vandalism is taking place,” said Representative Diana Gonzalez. This bill will enhance more safety in our communities because it will provide businesses with cameras and alarms that will have contact to their nearest police station, in case of any emergency. The bill will help us find criminals easier if caught guilty they will be fined and put in jail for 2 months with harsh punishment. We will raise money for the budget by taxing \$.21 for weapon supplies or a weapon. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 8, 2006.

Free Public Wireless Services

Today, Representative Jared Hendrickson introduced House bill 1234, which addresses the issue of free public wireless. “The bill is a good one because it will ultimately provide directly and freely accessible wireless internet in public centers for laptops, desktop computers, and PDA devices,” said Representative Jared Hendrickson. This bill will promote a standard cohesive network of electronic information systems between law abiding constituents. The standards are drastically needed because of varying frequencies that prevent widespread public internet use. Although, a monthly \$5.00 fee will be initiated, the bill will eventually save you money on phone service because of widespread use of VOIP. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 8, 2006.

Pages write bills

Each page wrote a bill designed to solve a problem. Topics for bills included driving age, noise control, fewer school hours for high-schools students, and cell-phone use. They reflect real issues that affect teen-age lives in Washington State. Bills were printed so pages can keep them.

Jaywalking License? Genius!

Today, Representative Maren Hotvedt introduced House bill 1354, which addresses the issue of jaywalking licenses. “The bill is a good one because it protects children, provides additional options for state-issued picture i.d., and rewards the responsibility of teens and adults. It's also hacker tight,” said Representative Hotvedt. This bill aims to create a new form of license legalizing jaywalking. The license would be available only to people aged 16 or older, and would have a four-month intermediary period in which people under 18 could not use the license at night. There would also be a test that people would need to pass before they could legally jaywalk. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 8, 2006.



Seatbelts In School buses Will Save Lives

Today, Representative Caitlin Jones introduced House bill 2222, which addresses the issue of seatbelts in school buses. “The bill is a good one because it will help protect children, and it will prevent overcrowding in our public school buses,” said Representative Caitlin Jones. The bill will use a small tax placed on the price of new cars to pay for the new seatbelts, which will be installed in all new and old school buses in Washington state. Annual "safety checks" will be performed by a licensed safety inspector to insure that the law is followed. The bill is an important key in protecting our children and keeping them safe. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 8, 2006.

Pages lobby their own bills

Pages practiced lobbying techniques as they encouraged their colleagues to support their bills in committee hearings. They created posters and completed media releases for this newsletter.

Help For Runners

Today, Representative Nick Lowe- Hale introduced House bill 3463, which addresses the issue of runners avoiding pedestrians and running into traffic. "The bill is a good one because running into traffic and possibly getting hit by a moving vehicle is dangerous and with a running path, we can make it a safer environment," said Representative Lowe- Hale. This bill puts running and walking paths on the side of busy streets in metropolitan areas. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 8, 2006.



Grad Requirements Eased

Today, Representative Robert McGarrity introduced House bill 3541, which addresses the issue of graduation requirements. "The bill is a good one because it makes it easier to graduate high school," said Representative McGarrity. It will allow more students to graduate high school without lowering the amount of credits or tests. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 8, 2006.

Graduating Requirements

Today, Senator Alyson Waddle introduced Senate bill 6953, which addresses the issue of Graduation Requirements. "The bill is a good one because It will be a huge benefactor in increasing the number of students who will graduate and reducing the number of high school drop outs," said Senator Waddle. This bill will eliminate the WASL as one of the graduation requirements. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 8, 2006.

Committees debate bills, vote

Pages participated in simulated committee hearings on Wednesday. They read their bills and 'committee' members, governed by the rules of parliamentary procedure, debated the pros and cons of the bills. When pages voted on bills, some ideas were passed

on to an imagined legislative body, while others did not pass and "died" in committee.



Could You Graduate?

Today, Senator Robin Walter introduced Senate bill 6735, which addresses the issue of obtaining a better understanding of the United States Constitution. "The bill is a good one because it creates a better interpretation of the Constitution in the future," said Senator Walter. This bill addresses the idea of students having to pass a test in order to graduate high school. Students will have to pass with an eighty percent or higher, a one-hundred question test on the United States Constitution. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 8, 2006.

Increase Speed Limits To Make The U.S. A Safer Place

Today, Representative Gabriel Aeschliman introduced House bill 1111, which addresses the issue of Speed limits. "The bill is a good one because it will make the U.S. a safer place," said House Representative Aeschliman. This bill if passed will increase needed speed limits. The speed limits will be increased depending on the amount of traffic that travels on that particular road. Also, depending on the length and condition of the road. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 8, 2006.

Litter Fine

Today, Representative Andrew Von Rotz introduced House bill 2345, which addresses the issue of litter. "The bill is a good one because it will help stop littering," said Representative Andrew Von Rotz. This bill will fine people who litter 75 dollars. Or a maximum of two months in prison This bill applies to all litter. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 8, 2006.

Save Lives!!!

Today, Senator Bethany Andrews introduced Senate bill 5001, which addresses the issue of making abortion illegal. "The bill is a good one because it will save innocent lives and give those who want to adopt a bigger opportunity," said Senator An-

draws. This bill will make abortion illegal in Washington State. It will punish physicians who perform them and those who have them performed. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 8, 2006.



Horse Packers Packing Up

Today, Representative Bos introduced House bill 3079, which addresses the issue of irresponsible horse packers. "The bill is a good one because it is essential that our wilderness trails remain pristine," said Representative Bos. This bill will restrict horse packers and pack animals from normal foot trails and provide a budget for the construction of special trails designed for horse packers. Numerous trails have been destroyed by horses churning up mud or covering the ground in excrement and this bill has been set up to end the menace of horse packers forever. If this bill passes, stiff fines and the removal of the offending pack animals will result if horse packers are found on foot trails. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 8, 2006.

Insured Residents Ensured? Reform Bill Proposed

Today, Representative Ellen Bengtson introduced House bill 2754, which addresses the issue of the taking advantage of the health care system through residents' refusal to purchase health care insurance, causing a weight to fall on hospitals and clinics due to patient irresponsibility and inability to pay their health bills. "The bill is a good one because it finally addresses a long-standing issue, rewarding those who do their part and fining those who choose to gamble at the expense of the insurance-owning majority," said Representative Bengtson. Should the bill be made into law, Washington residents would be given 180 days to turn in their insurance plan's name and number to the State Auditor's office for registration. After that, residents would receive a fine of \$2000. However, if the plan was turned in in a timely manner, a 5% tax break would be given. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 8, 2006.

The WASL

Today, Senator Justin Foster introduced Senate bill 5021, which addresses the issue of the WASL. "The bill is a good one because then kids don't have to pass the WASL," said Senator Foster.

This bill is issued so that teenagers do not have to pass the 10th grade WASL. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 8, 2006.

The WASL And How It Is Not Helping Students

Today, Senator Josh Heinicke introduced Senate bill 7329, which addresses the issue of the WASL. "The bill is a good one because it will help students get into college and it will help the higher end students who want to take honors classes be able to take them," said Senator Heinicke. The bill will enable student to not take the WASL and help them get into college and schools that give it will be fined \$1,000 per student that takes it. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 8, 2006.



The Safety Of Young Children

Today, Representative Jamela Mundell introduced House bill 2513, which addresses the issue of the safety of younger children four years old and younger. "The bill is a good one because it protects young children from the dangers of our world," said Representative Mundell. Parents or guardians will be given a harness to put on their child in public if they are four years old or younger. The harness will protect the child from dangers such as predators, vehicles, or other moving objects.. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 8, 2006.

Hand-held Cell phones

Today, Senator Gary Oakland introduced Senate bill 6853, which addresses the issue of Cell phone use in cars. "The bill is a good one because it will enable the use of hand-held cell phones in cars," said Senator Oakland. The bill will enable drivers to use their cell phones in their hands. Drivers want this freedom because it makes using cell phones easier. Also it provides more opportunity for drivers to do whatever they need to do with their hands. All laws that prohibit the use of hand-held cell phones will be repealed. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 8, 2006.

No Child Left Behind Is Leaving Future Adults Behind

Today, Senator Jon Whitmore introduced Senate bill 5032, which addresses the issue of repealing the No Child Left Behind Act. "The bill is a good one because it encourages students everywhere to realize that there are consequences for not passing classes, and to help them receive good education so they can get productive and enjoyable jobs in their adulthood," said Senator Whitmore. This bill repeals the No Child Left Behind Act, which states that only a certain percentage of students can fail a class. It will make it so that students don't get away with graduating from school if they don't work at it. They will learn that good jobs come from working hard in school. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 8, 2006.



Budget debate stirs emotions

Using actual state budget figures, pages debated how to balance the state's operating budget. Their task was to make up a \$3 billion deficit. "Is it always this hard?" asked a page as the debate intensified.

A Step To Make Schools Safe

Today, Senator Jillian Avalon introduced Senate bill 6222, which addresses the issue of bullying in public schools. "The bill is a good one because so many students feel uncomfortable in their early years of school because older students will bully them, simply for being younger and some schools simply ignore that cause," said Senator Avalon. This bill will give schools money for integrating the hallways and lunches between the grade. This will help students to meet younger and older students in a stress-free environment so as to make them more comfortable. Students need to learn that age does not determine status. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 7, 2006.

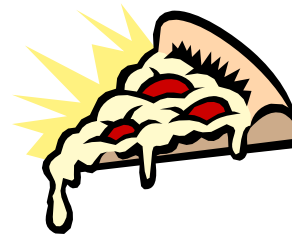
Do Washington's Children Need Physical Education?

Today, Senator Kathryn Mary Apsens introduced Senate bill 5888, which addresses the issue of School Requirements. "The bill is a good one because it will give the children of Washington

more time to study and learn new subjects," said Senator Apsens. This bill will make Physical Education a non-mandatory class if the student is in an extracurricular sport. The student will have the waiver signed by their coach. The student that no longer has Physical Education as a mandatory class can now choose another class, so they can learn more about different subjects. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 8, 2006.

New Death Penalty Bill

Today, Representative Sierra VanderHoogt introduced House bill 3998, which addresses the issue of Sexual Predators. "The bill is a good one because then less people will be molested and killed," said Representative VanderHoogt. This bill will make it so on the sexual predators first offence they will be sentenced to death. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 8, 2006.



Pages celebrate at pizza party

Pages took a break from their regular duties and socialized with each other while eating pizza. This was an opportunity for pages to mingle at the page Appreciation Pizza Party.



Terrible TV Ads

Today, Representative Sarah Quick introduced House bill 1001, which addresses the issue of Alcohol TV ads. "The bill is a good one because our youth should not be subjected to these kinds of ads that are on our TV all the time," said Representative Sarah Quick. This bill will prohibit the ads relating to use of alcohol to be aired on TV. Our youth should not be seeing these ads every time they turn on the TV. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 8, 2006.

No Good WASL!

Today, Representative Erin Shimek introduced House bill 2440, which addresses the issue of The WASL. "The bill is a good one because the WASL is not a test of a students' actual abilities," said Representative Shimek. This bill is about not having the WASL. This test is not fair to all students. Maybe a student is having a bad day or they get really scared when it comes time to take the test. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 8, 2006.



Teenagers Rights

Today, Senator Marques Ford introduced Senate bill 5432, which addresses the issue of teenagers age of 14 and up being able to get jobs at local stores. "The bill is a good one because teenagers wouldn't have to ask their parents for money anymore," said Senator Ford. This bill is being issued so teenagers the age of 14 and up can have jobs and always have money in their pockets. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 8, 2006.

Not Paid Enough?

Today, Senator Bryan Chavez introduced Senate bill 7224, which addresses the issue of low Page wages. "The bill is a good one because it brings equality to all Washington employees," said Senator Chavez. This bill brings up the fact that our Senate and House pages are being paid less than current minimum wage. This bill would fix that problem and raise the pay rate to that of minimum wage. And this is all because "pages are employees too, so they should be paid like employees". This bill is expected to gather strong support as most pages probably feel the same way about this problem. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 8, 2006.

Life For Joe Blow Gets Better

Today, Senator Rebecca Bolla introduced Senate bill 7733, which addresses the issue of life insurance. "The bill is a good one because it changes the requirements for average people to obtain life insurance," said Senator Bolla. This bill deals with changing life insurance requirements for life insurance policies. Also as a direct result of this, less tax payer money will be needed for social security. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 8, 2006.

Highway Speed Limits May Change

Today, Senator JT Bowman introduced Senate bill 5432, which addresses the issue of highway and interstate speed limits. "The bill is a good one because it aims to increase fuel efficiency in order to lessen our state's dependence on foreign oil," said Senator Bowman. Should the bill be passed a 30 day gas tax of \$.05 per gallon would be implemented. This money would fund a study to be conducted by the WSDOT to find the most fuel efficient speed for automobiles traveling on interstates and highways. Money from the tax would also be used to repaint road signs to the appropriate speed limit. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 8, 2006.



Berry speaks to pages

Kate Berry, Chair of the Legislative Youth Advisory Committee joined the pages during their classes on Thursday. She told students about the LYAC, how young people can become involved, and they discussed issues they are working on during this session. Pages were able to interact with this guest.

Sleep Is Needed, But School Hours Are Getting In The Way.

Today, Senator Caleb Fritz introduced Senate bill 7777, which addresses the issue of school hours. "The bill is a good one because students need to be awake before they go to school. This bill will start school later, so the students will be awake before they take their difficult test that they might have in the morning," said Senator Fritz. The average teenager needs at least ten hours of sleep, but most students only get six hours because homework keeps them up until midnight. Then the students have to get up at six to get to school by eight. The bill shall cause schools to start at ten a.m. and end at five p.m. Students shall definitely achieve better grades if this bill is passed. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 8, 2006.

An Accurate Vote

Today, Representative Chelsea Dinsmoor introduced House bill 1016, which addresses the issue of Voters' Education. "The bill is a good one because it will provide future voters with information, and encourage more people to vote, in order to make

for a vote that more accurately shows what the group voting wants," said Representative Dinsmoor. This bill requires High School History and/or Civics classes to include Voters' Education in their curriculum where it applies. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 8, 2006.

Senator Chandler Plans To Cut Down On Censorship

Today, Senator Drake Chandler introduced Senate bill 5799, which addresses the issue of censorship. "The bill is a good one because it cuts down on the amount of censorship placed on references and language in music or on TV. When a word or reference is cut out, it only makes it more obvious that something was said in the song or show," said Senator Chandler. This bill shall reduce the amount of censorship placed on music or TV shows or programs. It shall make it so that less words and references are cut out. It shall also allow Disk Jockeys (DJs) and live Television Broadcasters to say more on their radio or TV stations. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 8, 2006.



Preventing Accidents One Cause At A Time

Today, Representative Ashleigh Duckett introduced House bill 1547, which addresses the issue of reducing accidents each year by using headsets instead of cell phones. "The bill is a good one because it allows people to still communicate with others when driving as well as it puts many people at a lower risk of being a victim in a car accident," said Representative Duckett. Headsets allow drivers to have both hands on the wheel at all times having a quicker reaction time than those with only one hand on the wheel and a cell phone to their ear. When having no other distractions when driving or having to pick up the phone from the passengers seat, all eyes are able to stay focused on the road, surroundings and pedestrians. Headsets help not only the individual driver who may be on the phone but also those who are in the same area. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 8, 2006.

Legislatures Get a Splash of Reality

Today, Senator Katie Gillespie introduced Senate bill 7291, which addresses the issue of clean water in our state's schools.

"The bill is a good one because it will provide clean water to all students, many of whom go thirsty during the day," said Senator Katie Gillespie. This bill requires that all schools replace or repair all water fountains in the school. It also requires that all schools have at least one vending machine containing water at a low price. A \$3-\$5 fee is required of all students, but they will be saving money in the long run. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 8th, 2006.

Ten-year-old Pages?

Today, Senator Jonathan Tanner introduced Senate bill 1992, which addresses the issue of paging at age ten. "The bill is a good one because kids will learn more," said Senator Tanner. This bill will help kids to get a better education. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 8, 2006.

Think Twice Before You Chew That Gum

Today, Representative Brenda Martinez introduced House bill 2222, which addresses the issue of Gum Use within schools. "The bill is a good one because it will improve school campus," said Representative Martinez. The bill will enforce the current gum use policy. Punishments such as in-school detention and trash duty will be applied to enhance the importance of a well-kept school. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 8, 2006.

Should Kids Take Wasl?

Today, Senator Lindsay Purkeypyle introduced Senate bill 2373, which addresses the issue of Graduation Requirements. "The bill is a good one because the school district knows more about what the kids have learned," said Senator Purkeypyle. This bill will increase the number kids that graduate in 2008. They shouldn't have Washington State tests because the school district will have a test knowing what the kids have learned and should know. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 8th, 2006.



Jeopardy creates hit

On Friday, pages tested their knowledge of the Legislative process in a spirited game of *Jeopardy*. Winning teams were awarded certificates and brightly colored stickers that they wore proudly for the rest of the day.

Healthy Food Choices for Teens

Today, Representative Robby Jenkins introduced House bill 3999, which addresses the issue of School lunches and healthier teen lifestyles. "The bill is a good one because it promotes a healthier choice of food for students and staff at an affordable price," said Representative Jenkins. The bill states that in order to lower obesity rates and to promote healthier teen diets schools will need to install Subway stores in Washington schools. This makes it easier for staff and students in a school to access healthier food choices and to raise money for their school. With the installation of Subway stores, schools will now become a "cool place to be." The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 8, 2006.

Improving The Rights Of Children

Today, Representative Lacey Sherard introduced House bill 4189, which addresses the issue of children's rights. "The bill is a good one because it stops the frustration children may have residing with a parent they have problems living with," said Representative Sherard. This bill states that children may decide for themselves which parent they wish to live with after they turn thirteen. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 8, 2006.

Page School on the web

The Page School has its own web site. You can find us at: www1.leg.wa.gov/WorkingwithLeg/PageSchool/. This newsletter has been posted there.

Breaking Down Barriers Of Racism

Today, Senator Hillary Morris introduced Senate bill 5002, which addresses the issue of racial profiling. "The bill is a good one because it is a step in breaking down the discrimination barriers that are dividing our nation. In America, we believe in freedom and justice for all. Those rights are natural rights that apply to people of all races, not just a select few. Although our federal government has not yet recognized the importance of this bill, we are taking the first steps to pave the road to the end of racial profiling and discrimination. We hope, by passing this bill, we will be fulfilling Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream and the dream of all Americans, to create a society where justice rings.," said Senator Morris. The bill will end the NSEERS program in Washington, bringing an end to racial profiling along the Washington borders and airports. It will also provide the proper technology and training to prevent future discrimination. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 8, 2006.

Historical pages

Our legislature has employed pages for many years. This photo is of pages who served in past years. The first female page served in 1937.

